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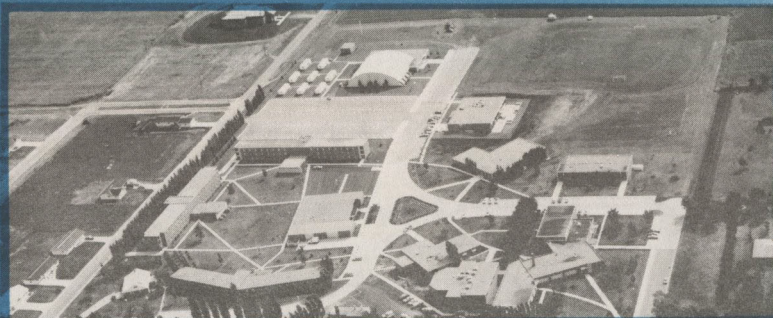
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RECORD ENROLLMENT AT DORDT

35% INCREASE IN FRESHMAN CLASS

According to statistics released by Mr. Gerald Hoekema, Registrar, Dordt's enrollment at the start of the first full week of school stood at 987 students, a 10.3% increase over last year's total of 895 students. This is a record enrollment, 17 more than the previous high set in 1971.

Freshman enrollments are even more impressive reaching a total of 406 freshmen, a huge 35% increase over last year's total of 306 students, and beating the old freshman enrollment record of 369 also set in 1971.

The tentative enrollment headcount by class compared to last year is as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
Freshmen	306	406
Sophomores	227	238
Juniors	180	163
Seniors	176	168

Special	6	12
TOTAL	895	987

The geographical distribution of this year's enrollment is as follows:

Arizona.....	8
California.....	66
Colorado.....	36
Delaware.....	1
Florida.....	7
Idaho.....	1
Illinois.....	51
Indiana.....	11
Iowa.....	285
Kansas.....	9
Louisiana.....	1
Massachusetts.....	1
Michigan.....	56
Minnesota.....	101
Mississippi.....	4

Montana.....	22
Nebraska.....	4
New Jersey.....	12
New York.....	2
North Carolina.....	6
North Dakota.....	4
Oregon.....	4
Pennsylvania.....	6
South Dakota.....	48
Washington.....	55
Wisconsin.....	38
Alberta.....	61
British Columbia.....	41
Manitoba.....	7
Ontario.....	34
Prince Edward Island.....	1
Saskatchewan.....	1
Mexico.....	2
Netherlands.....	1
TOTAL.....	987

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The 20th Anniversary Celebration held at Dordt College on Monday, August 26 was a big success, based on comments and reactions from the many people who attended the day's activities. The film, the displays, the barbecue, and the program were all popular stops as well over 3,000 people took advantage of the beautiful 90-degree weather to enjoy helping Dordt celebrate the start of its 20th year.

A half-hour film highlighting the history of Dordt was shown continuously throughout the afternoon to large crowds of people. The film was made this past summer especially for the Anniversary and featured many color slides of the early days of Dordt.

Hundreds of visitors also took advantage of the free coffee and cookies in the Hospitality Center where they also had an oppor-

tunity to "klets" with other visitors and student parents from around the country as well as enjoying the various exhibits and displays in the Union.



The outdoor beef barbecue was well attended. The local Chamber of Commerce took charge of planning and serving the barbecue and did an outstanding job. Close to one hundred local people volunteered their time for the event. Serving officials estimate that close to 3,000 people were on hand to enjoy the delicious food.

The day's activities were capped with a 20th Anniversary Program in the Gymnasium that featured greetings from the National Union of Christian Schools by its director, Mr. John Vander Ark; congratulations from the local community by the Mayor, William L. Mouw; recognition of original steering committee members, original faculty members, and first students; a keynote address by Rev. John Piersma of South Holland, Illinois; and a response by Rev. B. J. Haan, President of Dordt College.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN....

Rev. B. J. Haan

Dordt's twentieth year is now well underway. And what an amazing beginning it is! The opening week was truly exciting. On Monday, August 26, Dordt celebrated with the people. Some 3,000 were on hand. The day was perfect, weather-wise; the campus never looked better, the flowers were gorgeous; everyone was happy and full of enthusiasm. Much of that joyful participation reflected the anticipation of a boost in enrollment. Yet on Monday, no one really knew what actually the number of students would be. Then came registration on Tuesday and Wednesday. What a surge of students! By Thursday the count was in--far beyond anyone's wildest estimation. There were 387 new freshmen with 600 upperclassmen--total 987. We could not believe it. We sang songs of praise to God. Our hearts were filled with gratitude and we were truly humbled by the faithfulness of our Covenant God and the strong trust so many parents and students place in Dordt College.

How now can we best respond to the solemn trust placed in Dordt College? That question keeps pressing in upon us. There is only one acceptable answer. Dordt must work even more vigorously, in prayerful dependence upon the Lord, to be true to His Word in all areas of learning. There must be a continued desire to be true to the best in our Reformed heritage. Dordt's past performance has been characterized by a sincere, determined effort to honor the faith commitment of our many Christian constituents. What a comfort, what reassurance to know that, in spite of imperfections and shortcomings, God's people recognize and appreciate Dordt's integrity as a Christian academic institution.

We resolve before God to do all in our power with God's help to prove worthy of the confidence of the people of God. Among other things, I am thinking of two important steps to assure this. One is a restudy of our Statement of Purpose. We believe that our present statement is thoroughly Biblical, Reformed, and a document regarding the task of Christian higher education, which has the respect of many Reformed scholars. However, we recognize that it is at certain points somewhat technical and freighted with theological and philosophical language which is difficult for many to understand. In restudying the Statement, we want to clarify it, make it easier to read and comprehend, so as to allow no room nor possibility for doubt regarding how truly Biblical and Reformed the statement is and will remain.

Secondly, we will make every effort to work more closely with our constituents. Dordt is known as the college of God's people. That, we are convinced, it truly is. But, here again, we want to make certain that it remains so. Therefore keep your eyes and ears open. We plan to get out among you as professors, administrators, and board members. And we plan to bring you on campus for significant events where action and reaction can take place. By all means we intend to stay close together. Remember also that the door of your college president is always open to you. Feel free to bring whatever concerns you to his attention.

Again, praise the Lord for His goodness! Now let us all bind our hearts together in promoting His glorious Name through our life and labors as citizens of His Kingdom. We seek your continued prayers and support throughout this anniversary year and the years ahead.

ETCETERA

Dordt College received \$62,621.79 in "denominational offerings" for the fiscal year ended July 31. That is a sizeable increase of 29% over the previous year's total of \$48,414.79. Denominational offerings are collections designated for Dordt taken by CRC churches outside of the six classes closest to Dordt. Additionally, Dordt receives quota relief support from the local six classes, and Fall Foundation Day drive support for its operational needs.

Dr. George A. Faber, Dordt's new Professor of Education, received his Ph.D. in Science Education Friday, August 23 during Summer Commencement of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich.

A half-hour sight-sound program, highlighting the history of Dordt College, was produced this summer especially for showing at the 20th Anniversary Celebration. It features many old slides of the early days of Dordt. The program is now available for showing to societies and other groups. If you would like to have the film shown to your group, please contact the Public Relations Office at Dordt.

Close to 430 Dordt students attended the 7th annual Dordt College Retreat at Camp Okoboji on the west shore of Lake Okoboji on September 7 and 8. The theme of this year's retreat was "Community in Christ." Activities at the Retreat included two chapel services, panel and group discussions, pizza and watermelon parties, special entertainment, bonfire singalongs, and a variety of sports activities. The students returned to campus Saturday evening.

Dordt's two Admissions Counselors, Mr. Daryl Vogel and Mr. Gene Vanden Bosch, are planning their travel and visiting schedules for the next year. If you would like to have one of them visit your home to talk about the educational opportunities Dordt has to offer and to answer any questions you might have, please call or write them at the College. Both of these young men are experienced and uniquely qualified to give individual advice to those considering a higher education. Making such visits is their job and they would be happy to call on you. Their address is Admissions Office, Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa, 51250.

TAPES AVAILABLE OF THE ELDERS AND DEACONS WORKSHOP

Held at Dordt College, August 20-22, 1974

"How Should Elders and Deacons Judge a Sermon"	Dr. P. Y. De Jong	\$1.50
"The Church Fellowshiping Around the Word"	Rev. Richard Venema	\$1.50
"The Sermon Meeting the Church's Needs"	Dr. P. Y. De Jong	\$1.50
"Consistorial Responsibility in Promoting True Fellowship in the Congregation"	Rev. Richard Venema	\$1.00
"The Sermon and the Church's Responsibility to the World"	Dr. P. Y. De Jong	\$2.00
"The Church Practicing Its Fellowship from Day to Day"	Rev. Richard Venema	
COMPLETE SET		\$7.00